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FOR JOE WHEELER, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AA/NE

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAID, YE  
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON AID PROGRAM

1. I SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF TODAY LISTENING TO THE PRIME MINISTER DISCUSS HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. IN PARTICULAR HE DISCUSSED IN TOUCHED AND EXCITED TERMS THE BENEFITS OF AMERICAN EDUCATION FORM HIM AND FOR OTHER YOUNG YEMENIS HE HOPES WILL GET TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ENDOW A PROGRAM HIMSELF FOR YEMENI STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE HE WEALTHY. I BROKE IN TO SAY THAT YEMEN WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY I KNOW OF WHICH DID NOT HAVE A PROGRAM OF ITS OWN TO SEND STUDENTS TO AMERICAN SCHOOLS. YEMEN NOW HAD THE MONEY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH AN EFFORT ITSELF, HOWEVER, AND I THOUGHT IT SHOULD JOIN IN FUNDING SOME OF THE COSTS WHICH AID NOW BORE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR YEMENIS.

2. I WENT ON TO SAY THAT I FELT YEMEN'S GROWING WEALTH --THE NEW BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR GOVERNMENT COMPANIES TOPS A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS--MEANS THAT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE THE US WOULD BE PUSHING YEMEN TO USE ITS OWN RESOURCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. I  
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NOTED THAT THE US HAD TENTATIVE PLANS TO INCREASE ITS AID HERE TO A LEVEL THAT MIGHT HIT 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN A FEW YEARS BUT I BELIEVED WE WOULD AND SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE YARG MAKE MORE CASH RPT CASH CONTRIBUCTIONS TO THIS EFFORT.

3. HE TOOK THE POINT THOUGHTFULLY, SAYING THAT YEMEN

REALLY HADN'T THE RESOURCES IN THE PAST TO HELP ITSELF, EITHER IN EDUCATION OR IN OTHER AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT, BUT HE AGREED IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF A LARGER YEMENI CONTRIBUTION NOW. HE SPOKE IN SPECIFIC TERMS OF A YEMENI CONTRIBUTION TO A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BUT I MAY HAVE OPENED THE DOOR FOR AMBASSADOR LANE TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A TRUST FUND.

4. I NEVERTHELESS THINK THAT THE QUESTION OF A LARGER YEMENI CONTRIBUTION THE AID EFFORT IS SOME TIME AWAY AND WE WOULD BE WRONG IN THE MEANTIME TO PENALIZE YEMENI FRIENDS OR AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE PUT SO MUCH HOPE IN OUR EFFORTS TO CHANGE THIS COUNTRY FOR THE BETTER. A PAINFUL SYMBOL OF THE PENALTY WHICH WE MIGHT EXACT LOOMS IN MY MIND AS THE POSSIBLE REFUSAL OF AID TO RENEW THE LEASE ON BOB HUESMANN'S HOUSE. I THINK YOU REALIZE THIS WILL ONLY BE FOR FIRST OF MANY FORCED REMOVALS IN THIS MARKET OF RAPIDLY RISING RENTS, WITH EFFECTS ON MORALE AND EFFECTIVENESS THAT WILL PLAGUE AMBASSADOR LANE IN HIS FIRST YEAR OR SO IN SANA.

5. WITH PROPOSALS NOW ON THE TABLE TO BUILD HOUSING HERE AND HOPEFULLY ELICIT YEMENI CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TIME TO WORK OUT THESE PLANS BEFORE WE ASK MEN LIKE HUESMANN TO LEAVE HIS MODEST HOME.  
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